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TAGS: WB, US, OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL BY SECRETARY TO BERLIN

REF: STATE 109621

1. FOLLOWING ARE MISSION'S COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

RE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE:

2. 1000 - ARRIVAL. WE UNDERSTAND PREFERENCE FOR LANDING AT TEGEL AIRPORT IN CONSIDERATION OF APPROACH AND RUNWAY, BUT SECRETARY MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER LANDING AT TEMPELHOF WITH DEPARTURE FROM TEGEL. WE ARE TOLD THIS IS FEASIBLE (AND HAS BEEN DONE FOR SOME VIP VISITS IN PAST) WHEN FUEL TANKS ARE NOT TOPPED OFF AT PREVIOUS STOP. TEMPELHOF HAS ADVANTAGES OF FULL US CONTROL IN REGARD TO SECURITY, ETC.; GENEROUS OVERHANG WHICH WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER; AND CLOSER PROXIMITY TO RATHAUS SCHOENEBOURG, FIRST STOP OF ITINERARY. IN THE EVENT OF LANDING AT TEMPELHOF, AIRCRAFT WOULD BE FLOWN TO TEGEL FOR REFUELING AND TAKEOFF.

3. SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER WILL BE RECEIVED BY GENERAL AND MRS. WALKER, OTHER ALLIED COMMANDANTS, THE GOVERNING MAYOR, AND MINISTER AND MRS. GEORGE, AFTER WHICH GOVERNING MAYOR WILL DELIVER BRIEF GREETING
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AND SECRETARY WILL MAKE ARRIVAL STATEMENT.

4. 1015 - PROCEED TO RATHAUS SCHOENEBOURG, WHERE SECRETARY WILL BE ESCORTED TO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SIGN GOLDEN BOOK, AND DELIVER HIS MAJOR ADDRESS. (THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE GOLDEN BOOK REMARKS.) ABOUT 300 SEATS AVAILABLE IN TOTAL FOR SPECTATORS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF SECRETARY'S PARTY, ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, PRESS AND OTHER GUESTS. HOUSE IS NOT EQUIPPED FOR SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION, ALTHOUGH SENAT IS EXPLORING USE OF PORTABLE SETS. IN VIEW OF LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE, ONE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO HAVE COPIES OF TRANSLATION AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS AND SPECTATORS (WOULD THEN NEED TEXT IN TIME TO PREPARE).

5. 1100 - BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH GOVERNING MAYOR IN LATTER'S OFFICE. DEPENDING ON SECRETARY'S WISHES, WE SUGGEST THAT AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND AND MINISTER GEORGE ACCOMPANY. OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY WILL PROCEED, AFTER HOUSE SPEECH, DIRECTLY TO NEXT EVENT ON SCHEDULE.

6. 1120 - WE SUGGEST THAT SECRETARY VISIT US HEADQUARTERS, WHERE, FOLLOWING BRIEF HONOR CEREMONY (ABOUT 5-10 MINUTES), HE WOULD SPEAK INFORMALLY TO US MISSION AND USCOB STAFFS AS WELL AS OTHER MEMBERS OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY, WHO WOULD BE ASSEMBLED IN INNER COURTYARD. DEPENDING ON DECISION IN REGARD TO LUNCH (SEE BELOW), VISIT TO US HEADQUARTERS COULD BE WORKED IN AFTER LUNCH EN ROUTE TO TEGEL. IT WOULD ALSO BE POSSIBLE TO WORK IN HONORS AND TALK TO AMERICANS ON ARRIVAL IF AIRCRAFT LANDS AT TEMPELHOF, BUT THIS WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT TO STAGE AT TEGEL.

7. LUNCH - SENAT HAS SUGGESTED TWO POSSIBILITIES:

1) INFORMAL LUNCH ABOARD EXCURSION BOAT WITH ABOUT 300 GUEST, INCLUDING WIVES, REPRESENTATIVES OF SENAT AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, LEADING ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES, CAREER CONSULS REPRESENTATIVE OF BUNDESHAUS, LABOR UNION OFFICIALS AND PRESS. THIS HAS ADVANTAGE OF ENABLING SECRETARY TO MEET WITH RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBER

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OF BERLIN LEADERS, BUT MIGHT BE HARD TO WORK IN TOGETHER WITH CALL AT HEADQUARTERS AND STILL GET TO TEGEL FOR 1430 DEPARTURE. 2) ALTERNATIVELY, SENAT WOULD BE PREPARED TO HOST LUNCHEON AT SCHLOSS CHARLOTTENBURG, IN WHICH EVENT MAXIMUM OF 60 COULD BE SERVED IN PLACE, ALTHOUGH PERHAPS 200 MORE COULD BE ACCOMMODATED FOR BUFFET.

8. 1350-1410 - (DEPENDING UPON LOCATION OF LUNCHEON)

- DEPARTURE FOR TEGEL.

9. 1430 - TAKEOFF, PRECEDED BY SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE STATEMENT.

10. SENAT HAD PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED HELICOPTER TOUR OF CITY BY SECRETARY AND SELECTED MEMBERS OF PARTY EN ROUTE TO TEGEL, TAKING OFF FROM GLIENICKER BRUECKE (END OF WANNSEE), IN WHICH EVENT MOST MEMBERS OF PARTY WOULD PROCEED DIRECTLY TO PLANE BY MOTORCADE. SENAT IS NOW CONCERNED TIGHT SCHEDULE WOULD NOT PERMIT THIS EVENT.

11. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST POSSIBLE REACTION TO ABOVE SCHEDULE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE TIME FOR PREPARING INVITATIONS, ETC. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER MRS. KISSINGER WILL WISH TO ACCOMPANY SECRETARY THROUGHOUT OR WHETHER SHE HAS OTHER INTERESTS, IN WHICH EVENT SENAT AND MISSION WILL BE GLAD TO WORK OUT SEPARATE SCHEDULE. AMONG POSSIBILITIES WOULD BE MOTOR TOUR OF CITY, VISIT TO NEUE GALLERIE, FAMOUS ETHNOGRAPHIC COLLECTION AT DAHLEM MUSEUM OR (IN EVENT LUNCHEON ON BOARD BOAT DOES NOT MATERIALIZE) CRUISE ON COMMANDANT'S BOAT WITH SMALL GROUP OF INTERESTING CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVES.

12. SHOULD ANY MEMBERS OF SECRETARY'S PARTY (APART FROM MRS. KISSINGER) DESIRE TOUR OF WEST OR EAST BERLIN OR SEPARATE SCHEDULE, PLEASE ADVISE.

13. WILL SECRETARY HAVE HIS OWN CAR AVAILABLE? MISSION HAS NO ARMORED CARS; SENAT HAS ONE MERCEDES AVAILABLE WITH BULLET-PROOF GLASS BUT WITHOUT ARMOR.

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